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Colored Clergy and Congregations

St. Michael and All Angels Church

Charlotte,

September 6 and 7, 1904.

The third annual Convocation of the Colored Congregations of the Diocese of North Carolina assembled in the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 6th, 1904.

Divine service began about 11 o'clock, with singing hymn 491 as a processional. Rev. J. E. King began the morning prayer, and Bishop Cheshire read the Scripture lessons.

There were five visiting clergy of the Convocation of Char lotte present.

The Creed and following prayers were taken by Rev. J. W. Perry. The Bishop read a report of his work in the Convocation during the past year and touched upon the subject of a special Organization for the Colored work. The Bishop, assisted by Archdeacon Pollard, celebrated the Holy Communion.

After the service the business meeting was called to order by the Bishop.

By resolution Chas. H. Boyer was elected secretary of the Convocation.

The roll was then called.

The following churches and missions were represented.

RT. REV. JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, D. D.
REV. J. H. M. POLLARD, Archdeacon.

	Y.	DELEGATES.
Charlotte,	REV. P. P. ALSTON.	A. Myron Cochran.
		Louis P. Perry.
Durham,		
Littleton,		
Louisburg,		Geo. C. Pollard.
Noise,		
Oxford,	REV. CHAS. H. MALE.	
Pittsboro,	REV. J. E. KING.	
Raleigh,	REV. J. E. KING.	Wiley J. Latham.
Raleigh,	REV. A. B. HUNTER.	Chas. H. Boyer.
	REV. H. B. DELANY.	
Satterwhite,		S. M. Peace.
Statesville,	REV. T. B. BAILEY.	
Tarboro,	REV. J. W. PERRY.	

The report of the Treasurer, the Rev. A. B. Hunter, was then read, as follows;

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
of the
COLORED CONVOCATION.

Diocese of North Carolina

RECEIPTS.

Offerings at Convocation services, 1903	11 48	
Bishop Cheshire(Total, $65 24)	16 81	
Charlotte, St. Michæl's	35 00	
Littleton, St. Anna's	2 00	
Louisburg, St. Matthias'		
Noise, St. Philip's		
Oxford,	2 76	
Pittsboro, St. James	7 00	
Raleigh, St. Ambrose	30 83	
Raleigh, St. Augustine's	103 80	
Satterwhite, St. Simeon's	5 00	
Statesville, Holy Cross	2 21	
Tarboro, St. Luke's	21 55	
Warrenton, All Saints		
Wilson, St. Mark's		
		238 44

EXPENDITURES

Travelling Expenses of Delegates, 1903	36 80	
Salary of Rev. C. H. Male, 1 year	150 00	
Salary of Rev. J. E. King	12 50	
Printing of Annual Report	10 00	
Postage on Annual Report	1 26	
		210 56
Balance in Citizens National Bank, Raleigh		27 88

Sept. 1, 1904 Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HUNTER, TREASURER.

It was then moved that a Finance Committee be appointed.

The Bishop appointed the following: Rev. P. P. Alston, Wiley J. Latham and Geo. C. Pollard.

The Archdeacon presented a constitution for the Convocation. It was adopted. It is as follows:

Constitution

I

This body shall be known as the Convocation of the Archdeaconry for work among Colored People in the Diocese of North Carolina, and shall conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

II

The Convocation shall consist of all clergymen and lay-readers engaged in this work, together with one delegate from each Church or Mission.

Five clergymen and five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

III

The officers shall be as follows: The Bishop of the Diocese, ex officio, president; The Archdeacon, vice-president a secretary and a treasurer.

IV

The object of the Convocation shall be to advance the cause of this work by conference and discussion of questions connected with this special field and by any other means to deepen the spirit of missions generally and further, when called by the Archdeacon may unite in any special missionary effort.

V

There shall be an annual meeting at such time and place as may be appointed by the Convocation, or by the Bishop. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Archdeacon or by special resolution of the Convocation.

It was moved and carried that a recess be taken until 4 P. M.

It was moved and carried that a committee on the State of the Church, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen be

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appointed.

The Bishop appointed the following:

Rev. H. B. Delany
Rev. J. W. Perry
Rev. T B. Bailey
Chas. H. Boyer
Louis Perry

The afternoon session was called to order by the Bishop at 4: 35 o'clock. Reports of the various missions were then called for. Archdeacon Pollard reported for Littleton. He had baptized four children and had the promise of eight or ten more in October. There are 73 children in the day school and 73 in the Sunday School. Though the work is not properly organized, it is in as prosperous condition as it can be without a clergyman.

He reported All Saints Mission, Warrenton, as not in a prosperous condition. The day school is good, the Sunday School good, but contributions poor. Better work is anticipated for the coming year.

St. Luke's, Warren Co., is growing enthusiatic and really deserves consideration. There is great hope of good work.

The work in Wilson has been very unfavorable. The mission is now without a minister.

At Noise, the outlook is too [illegible] y a clergyman for a [illegible] could be found who would go there and live among the people. There are 12 communicants who are standing firm against the invitations to join the denominational churches, anxiously waiting to see what the Church is going to do.

Mr. Male of Oxford not being present, the Archdeacon spoke of the work there. Mr. Male undertook the work Feb. 1, 1902 and up until the present time the mission has paid all its running expenses. The work at Satterwhite is good also. Thirty-one children were baptized last year. They are trying to build up.

Mr. Geo. Pollard spoke of his work in Louisburg. It shows a healthy growth. The school is better th · ·er before, 126 being enrolled. The financial condition of the church is good, the people keeping well their pledges. The school is overcrowded.

Rev. J. E. King reported for Ptitsboro. He said the work is growing. The school is constanly growing in attendance and efficiency. The people are becoming interested more in the Church. They are living up to their pledges well, and the work is beginning to have its influence on the homes and lives of the people.

Mr. King spoke concerning his Church in Raleigh, St. Ambrose, saying that the work is very encouraging. He spoke of the kindergarten in particu'ar and also the parochial school, and asked that the Convocation give or devise some means of obtaining more financial support for the Church. Mr Wiley Latham, Senior Warden, also spoke. He said that there are a good many active members in the congregation. The Sunday School is doing good work. He gave his plan for raising the expenses of the church, which had proven very successful.

Rev. A. B. Hunter reported for St. Augustine's Chapel, that an effort is made to reach the people of the neighborhood. To this end there are gymnastic and cooking and sewing classes for the girls of the neighborhood. A great many attend the Chapel service, and about 150 children attend the Sunday School. Mothers' Meetings and monthly conferences are held for the parents. St. Agnes Hospital also does a great deal for the sick of the neighborhood. Mr. Boyer explained the envelope system as used for systematic giving and also gave a brief account of the Junior Auxiliary.

Rev. T. B. Bailey spoke of his work in Statesville, particularly of his school work. Three schools hem him in and interfere with his work, nevertheless he registered 83 pupils last year . The conditions of his mission however are deplorable and he is struggling against fear ful odds.

The morning session of the Convocation was opened with the service of Morning Prayer and the Litany, participated in

by Archdeacon Pollard, Rev. A. B. Hunter and Rev. P. P. Alston; after which the business session was opened, Bishop Cheshire presiding. The minutes of the previous session were adopted after necessary corrections.

Mr. Alston in reporting the work of St. Michæl and All Angels said that there was a great deal of uneasiness because of so many of the congregation moving away. The Sunday School is not so large as in former years. The parish school is doing excellent work but could do a great deal more if sufficient funds were available.

Rev, J. W. Perry spoke of the work of St. Luke's, Tarboro. He told of his system of pledges. He has enrolled 140 pupils and has four teachers and doing well. The school meets all its current expenses. The work is substantial ; has had very few withdrawals and has now 80 communicants.

Mr. Peace of Satterwhite gave a brief account of his work. He has Sunday School of 20 scholars. Services are conducted once a month by Rev. Chas. H. Male of Oxford.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was called for and read by the Secretary, as follows:

Your Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to offer the following report.

We find from the reports of the various parishes and missions composing the Convocation, that there are indications of progress on the one hand and retrogression on the other. The reports of older and established parishes and missions are very gratifying, while others show signs of weakness. While the work in general has been growing, still the growth has not been as healthy and vigorous as we would wish, and therefore calls for more aggressive work on the part of the clergy and laity of the Convocation. To meet these conditions we would therefore recommend the following.

1. That this Convocation put forth every effort to instruct the people as to the necessity of self-reliance and to teach them the duty of systematical giving. We recommend the methods adopted by St. Ambrose and St. Augustine's congregations.

2. That there be special organizations of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary throughout the diocese to work in connection with this Convocation.

3. That the organization of parochial and mission schools be encouraged and that we strengthen and better equip those already established.

4. That this Convocation do all it possibly can to make St. Augustine's School more widely known among the people; and that the various schools so shape their courses as to become permanent feeders of this Institution.

5. That we heartily endorse any form of earnest Christian discussion leading ultimately to a separate Organization that will bring the power and teachings of the Church more effectively to the colored people.

Rev. H. B. Delany, Chairman.
Rev. J. W. Perry
Rev. T. B. Bailey
Louis Perry
Chas. H. Boyer, Secretary

Resolved that, at least three of the subjects recommended by the Committee be discussed during the morning session of the Convocation, the others during the afternoon session.

The Financial Committee reported through Mr. Alston, the Chairman, that they had audited the Treasurer's report and and found it correct.

Rev. A. B. Hunter was reelected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was moved and carried that an Executive Committee of five, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen be appointed for the Convocation. The Bishop appointed Archdeacon Pollard, Rev. J. E. King, Rev. A. B. Hunter, Messrs Thomas Williams and J. S. Leary. It was voted that the Convocation renew the pledge of $150 for the work at Oxford for this year.

It was voted to pledge $ 150 for the work at Noise. On motion the 1st, 3rd, and 4th recommendations of the Committee on the state of the Church were adopted. The 2nd. was deferred as a special order of the day to come up at 4:30 in

the afternoon session.

The 5th recommendation was thoroughly discussed, the Archdeacon presiding. No definite action was taken.

The afternoon session began at 4: 10 o'clock. The special order was the report of the Finance Committee on the schedule of apportionments submitted by the Bishop.

It was moved and carried that the assessment resolution of Archdeacon Pollard be adopted, as follows: —

Resolveo that this Convocation levy an assessment of one dollar per Annum upon every communicant of the Church and missions, twenty-one years of age and minors fifty cents; said assessment to be paid on or before the first day of March in each and every year. Other persons may also contribute to this assessment.

The 5th recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Church was laid on the table.

It was voted that the next meeting be held in Louisburg, the time being left to the discretion of the Bishop and Archdeacon.

It was moved and carried that 300 copies of the minutes be printed.

On motion the minutes of the meetiug were adopted.

The business session then adjourned sine die. In the evening, services were held in the Church, a very helpful sermon being preached by the Rev. T. B. Bailey. A resolution of thanks was read by the Rev. Mr King in behalf of the Convocation, to the Rector and members of St. Michael and All Angels Church for their kind hospitality. Parting addresses were made by the Rector, Rev. P. P. Alston, Archdeacon Obornes and Archdeacon Pollard.

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